

The Middle School

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"Looking for a victory" and finding one each game as of Oct. 6, 7th grade players start off a good season.

We Begin!

The school year is well underway. This year started pretty well except for some slight distractions. The major one has been the noise the workmen who are putting in the new windows are making. Another one took only a few days to get used to and that is that many of the classrooms were assigned to different teachers.

Mr. Demerest...

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In addition to the changes listed above we have also added a few new faces on the staff. Mr. Dave Demerest and Mrs. Martha Gray. Mr. Demerest is an aide for Mrs. Coleman's room as well as an aide on the playground and an athletic trainer. Mrs. Gray is a student teacher in Mrs. Cusomano's room for the first half of the semester and then she will be working with Mrs. Barrett in the library.

Mr. Demerest is from Saugatuck. He is officially disability assistant for the handicapped.

This is Mr. Demerest. To most people

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he is a new person here, but to us he is just a regular, friendly Mr. Demerest. His favorite drink is Dr. Pepper, his favorite color is dark blue, and his favorite food is pizza, which isn't unusual. It took a lot to get his age out of him, but that's 25.

His favorite hobbies are fishing, skiing, and hunting. His favorite toothpaste is Crest. He says if you use Crest, you keep on smiling. We asked him how he felt about the middle school. He said, "well it's ok sometimes, great most of the time." We are surprised he didn't say "no comment."

Mr. Demerest has a very important job helping the handicapped. Few people have the patience he has so let's give a hand to Mr. Demerest.

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Meet Mrs. Gray

Mrs. Gray goes to Western Michigan University where she is studying to be school librarian. She was born in Muskegon and is married to Ron Gray. She plans to go on to graduate school in library science and to continue to work at the Paw Paw Public Library.

Her hobbies are needlepoint and rading. Her favorite sports are sailing and cross-country skiing. She likes lobster and green is her favorite color.

She has a dog named James.

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JOIN US

The publications staff meets Wed. at 2:30 in room 103. The yearbook staff will meet for the first time Oct. 18 along with the newspaper staff. All you need to do to sign up is come and join us one Wed. after school.

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New Name?

Good Times has been the paper's name for the last three years. Should we change it? Send us suggestions and your opinion- room 103.

Reader's Ideas Wanted

From the standpoint of a sixth grader the first few months at middle school are hazardous. 8th and 7th graders go whizzing by in the halls making cracks about "the little sixth graders," and the sixth grader must be alert to keep dodging them. The first day of school most everybody got lost at one point or another. k/k

Here at the Good Times we'd like your opinions. Sixth graders, write and tell us what changes you experienced when you first got here and what unusual or interesting moments you've had making the change from fifth grade to sixth.

To the seventh and eighth grade we ask the following questions. What do you think needs to be done here? What changes would like to see student council push for? What suggestions have you for any of us? These questions can be answered by 6th graders as well. This page is YOUR PAGE. Write us your comments and opinions on anything. If you have a complaint here's where you can air it. If you want to give your views on anything do so here. Send your letters to room 103. We will not publish your names unless you give us permission.

8th gr. Marchers

The 8th grade band marched in the Wine Festival parade. They played the song "The Bluebells of Scotland." They did an excellent job especially having only two days to practice marching. And the people in charge of the parade said it couldn't be done.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear editor,

We have a problem. There is no student council which means we can't have any dances yet. We need to get going so we can plan the first dance. What's being done?

REPLY- Student council elections will get underway next week. Mr. Pefley is the advisor in charge.

Ask Good Times Advisor---

Dear Good Times Advisor,

There's a group of really hot-shot girls who keep putting me down and I never know what to do. Help!

"Put Down"

Dear Put,

Whenever those girls start to put you down just laugh or better yet, ignore them. Make them think you don't care. Hope it works for you.

Dear Good Times Advisor,

I'm only 12 but I have some gray hair. Some people think it's pretty, but other people make fun of it and call me "gray haired old lady." Do you think they're serious or joking? "Gray"

Dear Gray,

I'm sure they're joking. Just ask them if they're jealous cause it makes you look older by two or three years. That should help!

Dear Good Times Ad.,

Recently I broke up with my girlfriend. I still like her and I think she likes me. I quit her because we argued all the time. She didn't like the people I hung around with. Whenever I'd mention a friend, she'd get upset. Now that we're split up, she and her friends talk about me. I don't like this but I still care for her. We don't speak to each other any more. Should I give up or should I make up? "undecided"

Dear Un,

Well I'd talk to her and ask her why she doesn't like your friends, then build on that. Good luck.

Dear Good T. A.,

I know some people who are spreading rumors about me that aren't true. What should I do? "rumored to death"

Dear Rum,

If they're not true, the less attention you give them, the sooner they'll fade away. Overreacting tends to give some "truth" to rumors.

SEND YOUR QUESTIONS TO ROOM 103 care of Ms. Swanson who will give them to the G.T.A.

Bits & Pieces

WANTED: one handsome hunk for the Christmas dance- need before Dec.17
Apply in girl's lockerroom or call this number 657- #\$\$¢.

WANTED: new paint in the school rooms.

Wanted: more want ads. Free. Room 103.

REWARD: for finding my five-week old dirty gym sock. Reward included a clean sock in exchange and a can of Lysol spray.

ANYONE finding a pencil in the hall, please return to the office.

I LEFT my heart in San Francisco. Please return.

ANYONE finding the rock that glided past Laurie Dietz one day in class, tell her the sky is not falling.

This is for Mr. Barnes only. Can I buy your brilliant orange tie please?

P.S. there is no gossip column this month because none of us nice people gossip.

responses

PUZZLES NEEDED. SEND YOUR JOKES AND PUZZLES TO ROOM 103.

WANTED: school cafeteria -- by the A.S.P.C.A. Argh;

A 6th grader had this reaction to school this fall. He says he hasn't been here long but he likes it. However, there isn't much to like about the food. (the age-old complaint of students everywhere.) He does note that it's just as bad as other schools. Sigh. Isn't that how it always goes?

Summer

Time for fun,
Swimming, laughing, having a good time,
But when summer ends,
It's time for school.

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Report on Cards

Report cards come out next week and for the new students and sixth graders we will explain the card. You have a grade for achievement - how well you do in the subject area itself- for effort- what you put forth - and citizenship - what you do in class and how you act. You could get a 4 in achievement (which is an A), a 4 in effort and a 4 in citizenship and those would equal an overall A. If you had a 4 in achievement and a 4 in effort but a 0 in citizenship you'd have only a B-overall. (this situation is not really likely to happen since the citizen who gets a 0 seldom has a 4 in effort and achievement). The system is explained on the report card.

We have an honor roll to note those students who are doing well. You can have only one C and must have no 1's to be on the honor roll, which is listed in the Courier-Leader and posted in the front hall.

Language Lab-reading, writing

Writing lab and reading lab have been combined this year into a language lab. Mrs. Chavoya tells us that room 205 is being used for writing lab, room 206 for reading and room 207 for a study hall for reading and writing students.

Mr. Erickson feels that it has changed very little and we have chagned rooms. We have added some materials, according to Mr. Erickson, and things are easier now for students because now the program is well-established with the addition of a writing lab into a language lab.

Mrs. Firestone, who has been helping as an aide two hours a day in the lab, feels that writing lab will prepare students for high school and college courses. She also says that Mrs. Pfister is a very good teacher.

Mrs. Pfister tells us that writing lab and reading lab have combined and moved into the three rooms instead of two to provide a work room for students. The purpose of the lab is to relate reading and writing as communications skills,

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Rocket Football Takes Off

Rocket football is underway. Two teams contain mostly middle school students, The 12-13 year old Raiders and the 10-11 year old Raiders.

The coach for the 12-13 year-olds is Garry Mitchell. The members of the team are Mike Terry, Trevor Johnson, Richie Dietz, Randy Begeman, Russ Haywood, Pat Brennan, Stacy (Biff) Gyarmathy, Frank Germaine, Paul Abnet, Keith Harris, Dan Belson, Joe Garza, Kevin Kniss, Dave Meconi, J.D. McKenzie, Don Boven, Dan Sutherland, Ron Overaker, Rob Overaker, Don Carlson, Scott Hall, Chris Allen, Matt Schmitt & Rick Dunn.

On the 10-11 year-old team, are Tim South, Randy Coskey, Jim Lipp, Paul Keenan, Larry Kinter, Mike McQuire, Pat McQuire, Wally Dietz, Allen McNeil, Andy Johnston, Robby Schmitt, Matt Hollowa, Paul Schincariol, Dan Stamp, Don Boley, Allen Taylor, John Griffith, and Lynn Lanphear. The coach for this team is Jerry Johnson.

Both teams look forward to a n exciting season.

Basketball Opens Season

Seventh and eighth grade girls are off to a good start. The week of Sept. 26, the girls went up against Vicksburg. We ended up with some good news and some bad news. The bad news first, the way most people want it, is that the eighth grade did play well, especially Kim Van Alstine, but V'burg did a little better, 20-27. The seventh grade is just the opposite. No one did great; they all worked as a team to win 20-19.

The 7th graders have won now their first three games. The eighth graders have fought close matches each game since V'burg. Good luck girls.

8th gr. Cagers Listed, 7th Too

Playing under coach Mr. Ruesink, the eighth grade team included the following people: Jana Preston, Lori Fisk, Joanna Hughes, Donna Rook, Jayne Whittington, Bonnie Cooper, Terri Blatson, Kim Van Alstine, Kim Blak, Cindy Soule, Cheryl Berry, Connie

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Canups, Pam DePierre, Roberta Casanto, Brenda Wrona, Kathy Schincariol, Sarah Schallhorn, MaryAnn Filip, Sandi Gothard, Tina Klazura, Chris Waldo, Sue Filipinas, and Sue Wrona, manager.

Mr. Groenland coaches the 7th grade girls who include Suzie Smith, Nancy Atwater, Laurie Dietz, Michele Herwick, Lisa Schincariol, Jamie Bowman, Jill Terrill, Kim McDowell, Ora Lee Gipson, Stacey Crane, LeeAnn Fooy, Tammy Hiemstra, Paula Jones, Lynn Stull, Tracy McNeil, Audrey Hudson, Pam Barich, Pam Woodhams, Connie Weston, Mary Andrasz and Marie Casanto.

Tennis, Anyone?

This year we have an addition to the sports program for girls, a tennis team. Mrs. Herm has undertaken the job of coach. One of the qualifications of being coach is being able to put up with screams of R-E-D-S-K-I-N-S, Redskins Yay Redskins! all the way to meets, the incessant singing of "Summer Nights" and the cries of "Oh my gosh, they're twice as big as us". (especially when they turn out to be the high school team.) She has also endured stopping at McDonalds on the way home from Three Rivers. That's not so bad you may say but you get 15 girls wearing Ronald McDonald bibs, it's not easy to stay sane! Thanks, Mrs. Herm from all of us!

more tennis ...

Shelly Blacksten interviewed Mrs. Herm to get her reactions and more information regarding the progress of the tennis season.

The team is made up of sixth, seventh and eighth graders. In the Three Rivers matches, there were three people who played in the singles matches, Barb Hande, Mary Wilkinson and Jenny Waite who, since she is a sixth grader, often plays only exhibition matches.

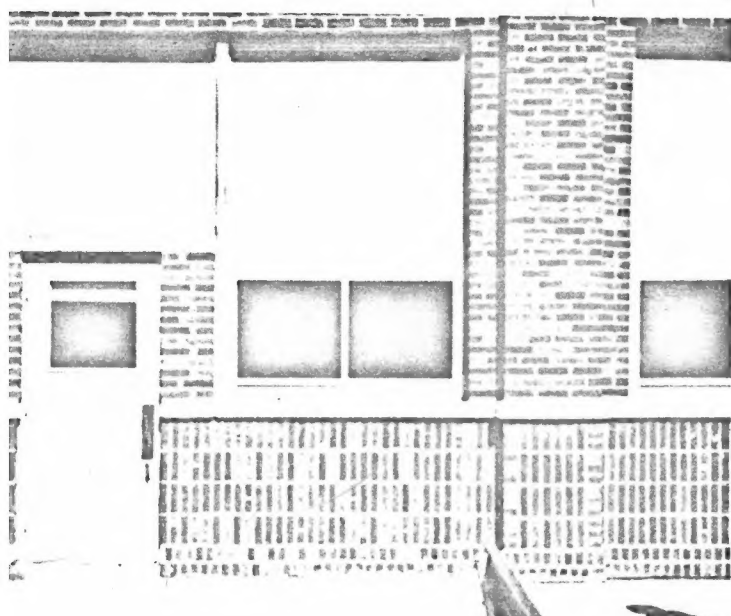
The last match of the season is against Sturgis today.

break up

As I met him
I almost cried
The words I had to say
I didn't know why.
The times we shared
The love we gave
It was time for us to say
Good bye.

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New look ... the windows



No More Dirty Dogs!

You can wash a dog in millions of ways. I can only tell you a few of them. If you want to clean your car and the dog at the same time, you can buy a can of dog food, put a mickey in it and when you have him asleep, tie him to the top of your car and drive through the car wash.

You could, on the other hadd, fill up a rain barrel (or wait for nature to do it) tie the dog to a tree, making the leash short so he won't run far, pour the contents of the barrel on him and then test out your new 12000 watt hair dryer or if you have a small dog put him in the clothes dryer. Watch it closely so it won't hurt him/her.

by K. Bertermann

Kim Blok suggests another way to wash your dog. Get a large enough tub since you won't get your St. Bernard into the bathroom sink. Assuming you have had no trouble with step one, splash water on the dog and apply shampoo. (for best results use Agree shampoo & conditioner for softer, more manageable fur.) Scrub fur for five minutes to be sure it's clean.

Next step is a bit difficult. You may encounter trouble keeping him in the tub while spraying excess soap off with a nearby garden hose.

To dry him, first glue feet to bottom of dryer (clothes-type) or to the floor where he'll fit under your mother's hair dryer, and dry. If you want his fur styled blow dry and comb, then set in curlers for twenty minutes. Again you may find it convenient to borrow your mother's curlers or curling iron rather than using your own.

Hair spray is optional.

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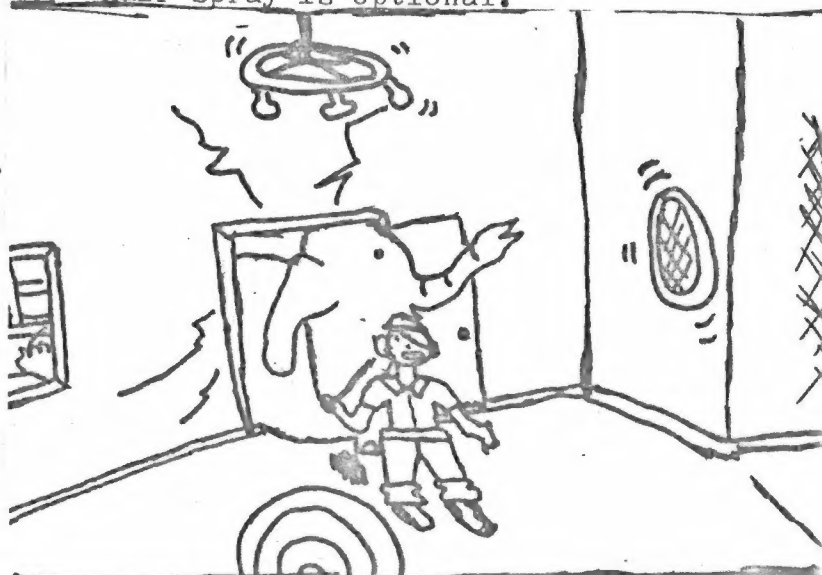
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meetings at 2:30 most Wed. room 103

Rhyme for Coach Ruesink

Mr. Ruesink is tall and lean
washes his hair with afro-sheen.
as I said before, he's tall and skinny,
has a big brown beard upon his chinny.
he's got long legs that are great for
ining,
and chest pass is absolutely stunning,
as a man, he's thin,
as a coach, he'll make us win.

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"How Mom - Guess what I brought home!"

